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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 3753

Examiner: SMITH, Matthew J.

Serial No.: 10/773,466

Atty. Dkt. No.: 10286.0358.NPUS00

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Client Ref: P603-1315-US

For: FLOW CONTROL VALVE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 20, 2005

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2005, for the application identified above. A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith. This one-month extension will bring the due date to February 20, 2006, which is within the six-month statutory period. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$120.00 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/10286.0358.NPUS00 for a one-month extension of time. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/10286.0358.NPUS00.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.